GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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CASES AGAINST CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases are going on against children as old as six years in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the number of such cases which have been pending for the last five years; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to reform such children?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a),(b)&(c) As per the provisions of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 and its Amendment Act, 2006, State Governments are to constitute one or more Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) and Child Welfare Committee (CWC) for every district for exercising the powers and discharging the duties conferred or imposed on such Boards and Committees in relation to juveniles in conflict with law and children in need of care and protection. The detailed case records alongwith case summary of every case are maintained by the concerned Board and Committee. The Union Government does not maintain such information. The Chief Judicial Magistrate or the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate shall review the pendency of cases of the Board at every six months, and shall direct the Board to increase the frequency of its sittings or may cause the constitution of additional Boards, where needed.

(d) The Juvenile Justice Boards shall make an order directing the juvenile to be sent to a special home for a period not exceeding three years. The Model Rules, 2007 framed under the Act specifies the standards of care of institutions and the facilities like clothing & bedding, nutrition, medical facilities, education, vocational training, counseling medical care, recreation facilities, etc. to be provided to the children staying in these institutions.